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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Seventh LAUSD Teen Overdoses from Possible Fentanyl-laced Pills

(U) At least seven teenagers have overdosed in the past month from pills possibly containing fentanyl. The latest overdose occurred over the weekend and authorities are investigating whether the most recent overdose was connected to the drugs that killed another student from the same school on 13 September. Authorities arrested a student for selling the counterfeit pills containing fentanyl described as “crude blue M30 pills.” Law enforcement officials said that LA Unified School District (LAUSD) officials were notified about the latest student overdose sometime over the weekend. Law enforcement said the exact number of students who have ingested the illicitly produced pills is unknown because the students survived and may not have sought medical attention. The high-intensity drug task force has been assigned to investigate the case and that it is hopeful that other victims of the overdoses will come forward and cooperate with law enforcement.

SOURCE: 21 September 2022, [LA Times](#)

(U) San Francisco – Four Arrested Gang and Weapons Charged in San Francisco

(U) Four suspected gang members have been arrested on a litany of charges after raids in Oakland and Fairfield uncovered numerous high-capacity assault weapons. Investigators said the raid came after officers assigned to the Community Violence Reduction Team learned that residences in both Oakland and Fairfield were connected with criminal gang activity in the city. The residences were also linked to a wanted fugitive and a convicted felon in possession of illegal firearms. Investigators served a search warrant on the residence where the suspects were detained, and numerous weapons were discovered. While arrests have been made, it remains an open and active investigation.

SOURCE: 21 September 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) San Jose – Police Arrest Three, Seize 35 Pounds of Meth and Five Guns in Bust

(U) Police in San Jose arrested three and seized 35 pounds of methamphetamine, five guns, cash, burglary tools, and stolen property from a warrant search initiated by the department’s Street Crimes Unit. Authorities said that the three arrested suspects were prohibited from possessing firearms due to prior convictions. The suspects face a variety of charges stemming from the seizure. Officials provided no more details on the case as an investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 21 September 2022, [CBS Bay Area](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Man Indicted for Threatening to Kill Border Patrol Agent

(U) Tucson – A Tucson man was recently indicted for threats to kill a Border Patrol agent after attempting to transport migrants in March of this year. The suspect is facing multiple charges, including conspiracy to transport humans for profit and a threat of murder against an employee of the United States government. The incident occurred when the suspect attempted to transport four undocumented

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individuals and ended up crashing his vehicle after fleeing a traffic stop. The suspect was hospitalized and later confronted a Border Patrol agent, who he threatened to kill “upon his release from the hospital.” The suspect is facing a total of six charges, each of which will carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison.

SOURCE: 21 September 2022, [KGUN News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Suspect Charged with Murder, Hate Crime in DC Homeless Shootings

(U) Washington – A suspect is facing federal hate crime charges in connection with a string of shootings in Washington DC in which two homeless men were wounded and a third homeless man was killed. The same suspect is also under investigation in the shootings of two homeless men in New York City, one of which was also fatal. All five shootings occurred over a nine-day span. The suspect was indicted by a grand jury on 17 counts in connection with the DC shootings. The indictment alleges that the attacks were hate crimes “based on the actual or perceived homelessness” of the victims. All five shootings were linked by firearms evidence. If convicted, the suspect faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of release.

SOURCE: 21 September 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) Oregon – Authorities Serve Search Warrant on Large Illegal Marijuana Operation

(U) Junction City – The Lane County Sheriff’s Office recently received a tip regarding a large-scale illegal marijuana grow operation south of Junction City. Authorities executed a warrant and seized approximately 8k illegal marijuana plants, 4,833 pounds of dried marijuana, processed concentrated marijuana products known as “butane honey oil, nearly \$50k in cash and \$32K in silver. The operation, adjacent to the Willamette River, included numerous unpermitted structures, a swimming pool and two separate unpermitted wells. A suspect was arrested and authorities continue to investigate the extent of the environmental impact from the illegal operation.

SOURCE: 20 September 2022, [KPIC News](#)

(U) Washington – White Supremacist Pleads Guilty to Hate Crime and False Statement Charge

(U) Lynnwood – An Idaho man pleaded guilty to hate crime and false statement charges for his participation in the assault of a black man, which occurred because of the man’s race at a bar in Lynnwood, Washington. Three other white supremacists pleaded guilty earlier for their roles in the assault. In the plea agreement, the suspect admitted that he was a member of a white supremacist group at the time of the assault. The suspect also pled guilty to making false statements to FBI agents. The man will be sentenced early in 2023 with the hate crime charge carrying a maximum penalty of ten years in prison.

SOURCE: 21 September 2022, [US DOJ Press Release](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Twelve Hostages Freed at Bank in Georgia

(U) Kutaisi – Georgian police said a suspect has been arrested for holding 12 people hostage in a bank in Kutaisi. The suspect at the bank demanded \$2 million, a helicopter to leave the country, and a Russian flag by forcing the hostages to communicate his demands through one of the hostages’ Facebook pages. After more than five hours, the suspect pulled the pin from a grenade to further threaten his captives. Eventually, all hostages were freed and the suspect was taken into custody. A motivation is unclear at this time and an investigation into the incident is ongoing.

SOURCE: 20 September 2022, [WFTV News](#)

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(U) Japan – Man Arrested on Suspicion of Carrying Gunpowder near US Embassy in Tokyo

(U) Tokyo – A man found near the US Embassy with a cup of homemade gunpowder was arrested by Japanese police on suspicion of violating the country's Explosives Law. An officer stopped the suspect for acting suspiciously near the embassy and discovered that the suspect was carrying about six ounces of powder in a cup. The suspect said he had "come to throw explosives into the embassy." Authorities searched his residence where they discovered more gunpowder and explosive making research materials. Authorities believe he acted as "a lone wolf," but an investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 21 September 2022, [Times of Israel](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – Two American Soldiers among 10 Foreign Fighters Released by Russia

(U) Riyadh – Ten foreign fighters, including two Americans who joined the war effort in Ukraine before they were captured and held by Russian forces, were released as part of an exchange of prisoners of war between Russia and Ukraine. The American veterans were captured by Russian forces in June and held by its proxies in the contested Donbas region that remains at the center of the war. Saudi Arabia assisted in negotiating the release of the foreign fighters and transferred them to Saudi Arabia, where they were "facilitating procedures for their safe return home." The 10 foreign fighters are five British fighters, two Americans, and one Moroccan, Swede, and Croatian.

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